(c) if so, when the fencing is expected to be comleted along both borders; and

(d) to what extent this decision has helped in checking and reducing the infiltration from Bangladesh and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) Yes, please. A project for floodlighting of 2840 km along Indo-Bangladesh Border has been approved by Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) at a cost of Rs. 1327.77 crores. The project is likely to be completed within a period of 5 years *i.e.* by 2011-12.

(b) and (c) Government has decided to shift fencing on Indian side of Indo-Pak border in Jammu Sector for 38.015 km and Punjab Sector for 22.585 km. The work is to be completed by 2010.

(d) Border fencing has definitely helped in checking and reducing the infiltration. The details of apprehensions during the last three years provided by BSF, as given below, also confirms it.

SI. No.	Year	Indo-Pak	Indo-Bangla
1.	2005	202	6384
2.	2006	128	5130
3.	2007	128	4206

Joint operations in Naxal affected States

2552. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is considering to evolve consensus on Joint Operations in Naxal Hit States—Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa including implementing police modernization plan submitted during 2007 by these States;

(b) whether Inter Ministerial Group on Naxalism asked the representatives of such States to focus on socio-economic development;

(c) whether Centre during 2007 has announced that two districts each in these States would be made a test case for the socio-economic development of Naxal affected areas; and

(d) the steps taken by the Centre to evolve a Joint Operation in the Naxal hit States and development of the two districts in the naxal affected States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments, who deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government also closely monitors the situation and supplements their efforts and resources.

State Governments conduct need-based joint police operations against the naxalites. At the Central level, a committee under Special Secretary (Internal Security) has also been set up to bring about coordination between police forces of different States.

The support provided by the Central Government includes assistance for equipment, weaponry, mobility, communication, training, police housing and buildings, forensic science and other infrastructure under the scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, wherein annual plans of the various States are formed and implemented.

Special attention is being given on planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes in naxalite affected areas. An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) under Additional Secretary (Naxal Management) in the Ministry of Home Affairs oversees effective implementation of development schemes in naxalite affected areas for accelerated socio-economic development.

In the process of reviews and interactions with the State Governments concerned, it has been felt appropriate that an integrated approach focused on the relatively more affected areas would help in optimal utilization of resources and thereby give surer results and, in the process, help in developing replicable strategies for other areas. With this in view, 8 affected districts in 4 States, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa, have been taken up by the State Governments for implementation of integrated action plans covering the security, operations and development aspects.

Persons involved in getting US visa through illegal means

2553. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIABUASIMAZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a list of large number of persons including South Indian film actors who have helped a number of people to get United States (US) visas through illegal means have been submitted by United States consulate officials to Chennai Police for action;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that the office of the United States (US) Consulate General, Chennai has given a report to the Commissioner of Police, Chennai on 11.3.2008 alleging that one Christal Jayaraj Palies has committed fraud by assisting at least three persons in applying illegally for US visas and attempting to smuggle one Sasikumar Kaniyan of Kerala into US for illegal purpose. After preliminary enquiries, a case has been registered by Chennai Police and a detailed investigation has been taken up. The US Consulate has furnished only the names of the applicants who had applied for visas and the Consulate has been requested to furnish copies of the visa applications for further probe. The said Christal Jayaraj Palies is absconding and a special Police team has been formed to trace him. It is not known at this stage whether there is involvement of any South Indian film actor in the case.

Progress of package for victims of 1984 Sikh riots

2554. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Government package announced for 1984 Sikh riots;